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<p>To:</p> <p>G.E. EHRLICH (1995) LTD. 11 Menachem Begin Street 52521 Ramat Gan ISRAEL</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 150px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED</p> <p style="font-size: 1.1em;">19 JAN 2008</p> <p>FILE No. <u>44735</u></p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">G.E. EHRLICH (1995) LTD.</p> </div>	<p>INVITATION TO PAY ADDITIONAL FEES AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, PROTEST FEE (PCT Article 17(3)(a) and Rule 40.1 and 40.2(e))</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">REGISTERED MAIL</div>		<p>Date of mailing (day/month/year) 12/01/2009 d</p>
<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference 44735</p>	<p>PAYMENT DUE within ONE MONTH from the above date of mailing</p>	
<p>International application No. PCT/IL2008/001292</p>	<p>International filing date (day/month/year) 24/09/2008</p>	
<p>Applicant CONTIPI LTD.</p>		

1. This International Searching Authority

(i) considers that there are 3 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated on an extra sheet:

(ii) therefore considers that **the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention** (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated on an extra sheet:

(iii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
see extra sheet

(iv) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid.

2. Consequently, the applicant is hereby **Invited to pay**, within the time limit indicated above, the amount indicated below:

EUR 1.700,00	x	2	=	EUR 3.400
Fee per additional invention		number of additional inventions		currency/total amount of additional fees

3. The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), **the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest**, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive, where applicable, subject to the payment of a protest fee.
Where the applicant pays additional fees under protest, the applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay a protest fee (Rule 40.2(e)) in the amount of EUR 750,00 (currency/amount)

Where the applicant has not, within the time limit indicated above, paid the required protest fee, the protest will be considered not to have been made and the International Searching Authority will so declare.

4. ☒ Claim(s) Nos. see extra sheet have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-29

An apparatus for treating urinary incontinence comprising an extension and conversion mechanism

2. claims: 37, 38

An apparatus for treating urinary incontinence compressing legs and arms not axially aligned

3. claims: 39-41

An apparatus for treating urinary incontinence comprising legs and arms adapted to be connected

This Authority considers that there are 3 inventions covered by the claims indicated as follows:

- I: Claims 1-29 directed to an apparatus for treating urinary incontinence comprising an extension and conversion mechanism
II: Claims 37, 38 directed to an apparatus for treating urinary incontinence compressing legs and arms not axially aligned
III: Claims 39-41 directed to an apparatus for treating urinary incontinence comprising legs and arms adapted to be connected

The reasons for which the inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept, as required by Rule 13.1 PCT, are as follows:

The common features linking together the above groups of claims are: an anchor section comprising a anchor legs, and a support section comprising support arms.

The prior art has been identified as document WO-A-2006/097935 and discloses all these features. Therefore the common features linking together the above groups of claims are not novel. Moreover, there is no common inventive concept linking together the above groups of claims. Claim 1 provides device that can be easily extended and compressed. Claim 37 provides a device that fits better into the body and claim 39 provides a device whereby the arms and legs can be connected.

In conclusion, the groups of claims are not linked by common or corresponding special technical features and define 3 different inventions not linked by a single general inventive concept.

The application, hence does not meet the requirements of unity of invention as defined in Rules 13.1 and 13.2 PCT.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 206

Continuation of Box 4.

Claim(s) not searched:
30-36

The subject-matter of claim 30 to 36, discloses a method of ameliorating urinary incontinence. The method comprises the step of intra-vaginally inserting the apparatus. The International preliminary searching authority is not required to establish an opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability on methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy (Rule 39.1(iv)).

**Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH**

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
- see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	WO 2008/010214 A (CONTIPI LTD [IL]; ZIV ELAN [IL]; GILAN JACOB [IL]; SINAI NIR [IL]; BAU) 24 January 2008 (2008-01-24) the whole document	1-29
X	WO 2006/097935 A (CONTIPI LTD [IL]; SINAI NIR [IL]; ZIV ELAN [IL]; BUDER IDAN [IL]; GILA) 21 September 2006 (2006-09-21) the whole document	1-11, 14-16, 18,20-28 12,13, 17,19,29
Y		
X	WO 2005/087154 A (CONTIPI LTD [IL]; ZIV ELAN [IL]) 22 September 2005 (2005-09-22)	1-11, 14-16, 18,20-28 12,13, 17,19,29
Y	page 8 - page 19; claims; figures	

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 2008010214	A	24-01-2008	NONE	
WO 2006097935	A	21-09-2006	AU 2006224158 A1	21-09-2006
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			CA 2560877 A1	22-09-2005
			JP 2007529262 T	25-10-2007